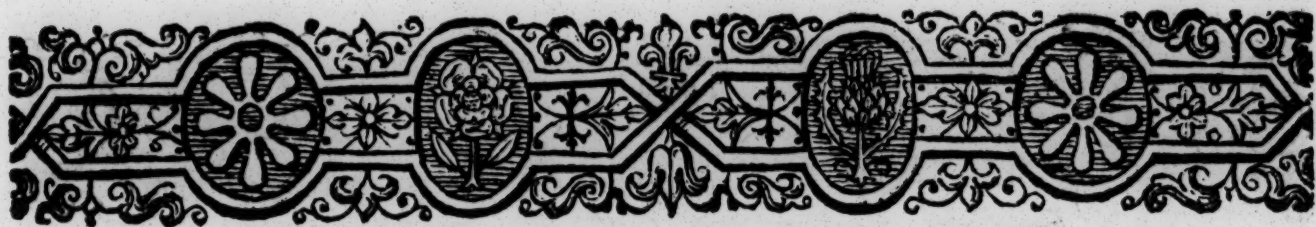




THE
FORME AND
MANNER OF MAKING
and consecrating BISHOPS,
PRIESTES and
DEACONS.



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THE PREFACE.



IT is euident vnto all men, diligently reading holy Scripture, and ancient Authors, that from the Apostles time, there hath beene these orders of Ministers in Christs Church, Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, which offices were euermore had in such reuerent estimation, that no man by his owne priuate authoritie, might presume to execute any of them, except he were first called, tried, examined and knowen to haue such qualities, as were requisite for the same, and also by publique prayer, with imposition of hands, approoued and admitted thereunto. And therefore, to the intent these orders should bee continued, and reuerently vsed and esteemed in this Church of England, it is requisite that no man (not being at this present, Bishop, Priest, nor Deacon) shall execute any of them, except he be called, tried, examined, and admitted, according to the forme hereafter following. And, none shall be admitted a Deacon, except hee bee twenty one yeeres of age at the least. And euery man which is to bee admitted a Priest, shall bee full foure and twenty yeeres old. And euery man which is to be consecrated a Bishop, shall bee fully thirtie yeeres of age. And the Bishop knowing, either by himselfe, or by sufficient testimony, any person to bee a man of vertuous conuersation, and without crime, and after examination and triall, finding him learned in the Latine tongue, and sufficiently instructed in holy Scripture, may vpon a Sunday or Holy day, in the face of the Church, admit him a Deacon, in such manner and forme as hereafter followeth.





The Forme and manner of Ordering of DEACONS.



First, when the day appointed by the Bishop is come, there shall bee an exhortation, declaring the duty and office of such as come to be admitted Ministers, how necessarie such orders are in the Church of Christ, and also how the people ought to esteeme them in their vocation.

After the exhortation ended the Archdeacon, or his Deputy, shall present such as shall come to the Bishop to be admitted, saying these words.

Reverend Father in God, I present unto you these persons present, to be admitted Deacons.

The Bishop.

Take heede that the persons whom yee present unto vs, bee apt and meete, for their learning and godly conuersation, to exercise their ministry duely, to the honour of God, and edifying of his Church.

The Archdeacon shall answer.

I have enquired of them, and also examined them, and thinke them so to be.

And the Bishop shall say vnto the people.

Brethren, if there bee any of you, who knoweth any impediment or notable crime, in any of these persons, presented to be ordered Deacons, for the which hee ought not to bee admitted to the same, let him come forth in the Name of God, and shew what the crime or impediment is.

And if any great crime or impediment be objected, the Bishop shall surcease from ordering that person, vntill such time as the party accused shall try himselfe cleare of that crime.

Then the Bishop commending such as shall be found meete to be ordered, to the prayers of the Congregation, with the Clearkes and people present, shall say or sing the Letany, as followeth, with the prayers.

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The Letany and Suffrages.



O God the Father of heauen : haue mercy vpon vs miserable sinners.

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O God the Sonne redeemer of the world : haue mercy vpon vs miserable sinners.

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O God the holy Ghost proceeding from the Father and the Son : haue mercy vpon vs miserable sinners.

O God the holy Ghost proceeding from the Father and the Sonne : haue mercy vpon vs miserable sinners.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinitie, three persons and one God : haue mercy vpon vs miserable sinners.

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Remember not Lord our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers, neither take thou vengeance of our sinnes: Spare vs good Lord, spare thy people whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with vs for ever.

Spare vs good Lord.

From all euill and mischief, from sinne, from the crafts and assaults of the deuill, from thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

From all blindness of heart, from pride, vaine glory, and hypocrisy, from enuy, hatred and malice, and all vcharitableness.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

From fornication, and all other deadly sinne, and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh and the deuill.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

From lightning and tempest, from plague, pestilence, and famine, from battell and murder, and from sudden death:

Good Lord deliuer vs.

From all sedition and priuy conspiracie, from all false doctrine and heresie, from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and Commandement.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

By the myserie of thy holy Incarnation, by thy holy Nativitie and Circumcision, by thy Baptisme, fasting, and Temptation.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

By thine agony and bloody Sweat, by thy Crosse and Passion,
by

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by thy precious Death and Buriall, by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension, and by the comming of the holy Ghost.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

In all time of our tribulation, in all time of our wealth, in the houre of death, and in the day of Judgement.

Good Lord deliuer vs.

Wee sinners doe beseech thee to heare vs (O Lord God) and that it may please thee to rule and gouerne thy holy Church vniuersally in the right way.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to keepe and strengthen in the true worshipping of thee, in righteousness and holinesse of life, thy Seruant Charles, our most gracious King and Gouernour.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to rule his heart in thy faith, feare, and loue, and that he may euermore haue affiance in thee, and euere seeke thy honour and glory.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to be his defender and keeper, giuing him the victorie ouer all his enemies.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to blesse and preserue our gracious Queene Mary, Prince Charles, Fredericke the Prince Elector Palatine, the Lady Elizabeth his wife, and their Princely issue.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, Pastors, and Ministers of the Church, with true knowledge and vnderstanding of thy Word, and that both by their preaching and liuing, they may set it forth, and shew it accordingly.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to endue the Lords of the Counsell, and all the Nobility, with grace, wisdom, and vnderstanding.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to blesse and keepe the Magistrates, giuing them grace to execute Justice, and to maintaine truth.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to blesse and keepe all thy people.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to giue to all Nations, vniety, peace, and concord.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to giue vs an heart to loue and dread thee, and diligently to liue after thy commandements.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

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That it may please thee to giue to all thy people increase of grace, to heare meekely thy word, and to receiue it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of trueth, all such as haue erred, and are deceiued.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as doe stand, and to comfort and helpe the weake hearted, and to raise vp them that fall, and finally to beate downe Sathan vnder our feete.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to succour, helpe and comfort, all that be in danger, necessitie, and tribulation.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all that trauell by land or by water, all women labouring of child, all sicke persons, and yong children, and to shew thy pitie vpon all prisoners and captiues.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to defend and provide for the fatherlesse children and widowes and all that be desolate and oppressed.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to haue mercy vpon all men.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and to turne their hearts.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to giue and preserve to our vse the kindly fruits of the earth, so as in due time we may enjoy them.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

That it may please thee to giue vs true repentance, to forgive vs all our sinnes, negligences, and ignorances, and to endue vs with the grace of thy holy Spirit, to amend our liues according to thy holy word.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

Sonne of God: we beseech thee to heare vs.

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O Lambe of God, that takest away the sinnes of the world.

Grant vs thy peace.

O Lambe of God, that takest away the sinnes of the world.

Haue mercy vpon vs.

O Christ heare vs.

O Christ heare vs.

Lord haue mercy vpon vs.

Lord haue mercy vpon vs.

Christ

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Christ haue mercy vpon vs.

Christ haue mercy vpon vs.

Lord haue mercy vpon vs.

Lord haue mercy vpon vs.

Our father which art in heauen, &c.

And leade vs not into temptation.

But deliuer vs from euill. Amen.

The Versicle,

O Lord deale not with vs after our sinnes.

Answer,

Neither reward vs after our iniquities.

¶ Let vs pray.

God mercifull father, that despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowfull, mercifully assist our prayers that we make before thee, in all our troubles and aduersities, whensoever they oppresse vs: and graciously heare vs, that those euills which the craft and subtilty of the deuill or man worketh against vs, be brought to nought, and by the prouidence of thy goodnesse they may be dispersed, that wee thy seruants being hurt by no persecutions, may euermore giue thanks vnto thee in thy holy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord arise, helpe vs, and deliuer vs for thy Names sake.

O God, wee haue heard with our eares, and our fathers haue declared vnto vs the noble workes that thou diddest in their dayes, and in the old time before them.

O Lord arise, helpe vs, and deliuer vs for thine honour.

Glozy be to the father, and to the Sonne: and to the holy Ghost. As it was in the begining, is now, and euer shall be: world without end. Amen.

From our enemies defend vs, O Christ.

Graciously looke vpon our afflictions.

Pittfully behold the sorrowes of our hearts.

Mercifully forgiue the sinnes of thy people.

Fauourably with mercy heare our prayers

O Sonne of Dauid haue mercy vpon vs.

Both now and euer boushase to heare vs, O Christ.

Graciously heare vs, O Christ: Graciously heare vs, O Lord Christ,

The Versicle,

O Lord let thy mercy be shewed vpon vs,

Answer,

As we doe put our trust in thee.

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¶ Let vs pray.

WE humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to looke vpon our infirmities, and for the glory of thy Names sake, turne from vs all those euils that wee most righteously haue deserued: and grant that in al our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and euermore serue thee in holinesse and purenesse of liuing, to thy honour and glory, through our onely Mediatour and Advocate Iesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

A Almighty God, which hast giuen vs grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications vnto thee, and doest promise that when two or thre bee gathered together in thy Name, thou wilt grant their requests: fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy seruants, as may be most expedient for them, granting vs in this world knowledge of thy trueth, and in the world to come life euerlasting. Amen.

¶ Then shall be said also this that followeth.

A Almighty God, which by thy diuine prouidence hast appointed diuers orders of Ministers in the Church, and diddest inspire thine holy Apostles, to chuse vnto this order of Deacons, the first Martyr S. Stephen, with other: mercifully behold these thy seruants, now called to the like office and administration, replenish them so with the trueth of thy doctrine, and innocency of life, that both by word and good example, they may faithfully serue thee in this office to the glory of thy Name, and profite of the Congregation, through the merits of our Saviour Iesu Christ, who liueth and reigneth with thee, and the holy Ghost, now and for euer. Amen.

Then shall bee sung or said the Communion of the day, sauing the Epistle shall be read out of Timothie, as followeth.

Likewise must the Ministers bee honest, not double tonged, nor giuen vnto much wine, neither greedy of filthy lucre, but holding the myserie of the faith, with a pure conscience: and let them first bee proued, and then let them minister, so that no man be able to reprove them. Euen so must their wives be honest, not euill speakers, but sober, & faithfull in all things. Let the Deacons bee the husbands of one wife, and such as rule their children

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children well, and their owne households: for they that minister well, get themselves a good degree, and a great libertie in the faith which is in Christ Iesu.

These things write I vnto thee, trusting to come shortly vnto thee: but and if I tarry long, that then thou mayest yet haue knowledge how thou oughtest to behaue thy selfe in the house of God, which is the congregation of the liuing God, the pillar & ground of trueth. And without doubt, great is that mysterie of godlinesse. God was shewed in the flesh, was iustified in the spirit, was seene among the Angels was preached vnto the Gentiles, was beleueed on in the world, and receiued vp in glory.

Or else this out the sixt of
the Actes.

Then the twelue called the multitude of the disciples together, and said, It is not meete that we should leaue the word of God, and serue tables. Wherefore brethren, looke ye out among you seven men of honest report, and full of the holy Ghost and wisdom, to whom wee may commit this businesse: but we will giue our selues continually to prayer, & to the administration of the word. And that saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith, and full of the holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Permenas, and Nicholas, a conuert of Antioch. These they set before the Apostles, and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them. And the word of God encreased, and the number of the disciples multiplied in Ierusalem greatly, and a great company of the Priests were obedient vnto the faith.

And before the Gospel, the Bishop sitting in a chaire, shall cause the oath of the Kings supremacy, and against the power and authority of all forreigne Potentates, to be ministred vnto euery of them that are to be ordered.

The oath of the Kings

Soueraignetic

A. B. doe vtterly testifie and declare in my conscience, that the Kings Highnes is the only supreme gouernoz of this Realme, and of all other his Highnesse Dominions and Countries, as well in all spirituall or Ecclesiastical things or causes, as Temporall, and that no forraine Prince, Person, Prelate,

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Bishop, State or potentate, hath or ought to haue any iurisdiction, power, superiourity, preeminence, or authoritie Ecclesiasticall, or Spirituall within this Realme, and therefore I doe vtterly renounce and forsake all forreigne Iurisdiccions, Powers, Superiorities, & Authorities: and doe promise that from henceforth, I shall beare faith and true Allegiance to the Kings Highnesse, his Heires and lawfull Successours, and to my power shall assist and defend all Iurisdiccions, Priuiledges, Preeminences and Authorities, granted or belonging to the Kings Highnesse, his Heires and Successours, or vnited and annexed to the Imperiall Crowne of this Realme, so helpe me God, and the Contents of this Booke.

Then shall the Bishop examine euery one of them that are to be Ordered, in the presence of the people, after this manner following,

Doe you trust that you are inwardly moued by the holy Ghost to take vpon you this office and ministracion, to serue God, for the promoting of his glory, and the edifying of his people?

Answer.

I trust so.

The Bishop.

Doe you thinke that ye truely be called according to the will of our Lord Iesus Christ, and the due order of this Realme, to the Ministry of the Church?

Answer.

I thinke so.

The Bishop.

Doe you vnfaignedly beleue all the Canonicali Scriptures of the old and new Testament?

Answer.

I doe beleue.

The Bishop.

Vill you diligently reade the same vnto the people assembled in the Church, where you shall be appointed to serue?

Answer.

I will.

The Bishop.

I Appertaineth to the office of a Deacon in the Church, where he shall be appointed, to assist the Priest in diuine Service, and specially when he ministrerh the holy Communion, & to helpe him in distribution thereof, & to reade holy Scriptures and Homilies in the Congregation, and to instruct the youth in the Catechisme, to Baptize and to Preach, if he be admitted thereto by the Bishop. And furthermore, it is his office, where prouision is so made, to search

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Search for the sicke, poore, and impotent people of the Parish, to intimate their estates, names and places where they dwell and to the Curate, that by his exhortation they may bee relieved by the Parish, or other convenient almes: will you doe this gladly and willingly?

Answer.

I will so doe by the helpe of God.

The Bishop.

Will you apply all your diligence to frame and fashion your owne liues, and the liues of your family, according to the doctrine of Christ, and to make both your selues and them, as much as in you lieth, wholesome examples of the flocke of Christ?

Answer.

I will so doe, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop.

Will you reuerently obey your ordinarie and other chiefe Ministers of the Church, and them to whom the gouernement and charge is committed ouer you, following with a glad minde and will, their godly admonitions?

Answer.

I will indeauour my selfe, the Lord being my helper.

Then the Bishop laying his hands seuerally vpon the head of euery of them, shall say,

Take thou authoritie to execute the office of a Deacon in the Church of God committed vnto thee: In the Name of the Father, the Sonne, and the holy Ghost. Amen.

Then shall the Bishop deliuer to euery one of them the new Testament, saying,

Take thou authoritie to reade the Gospel in the Church of God, and to preach the same, if thou bee thereto ordinarily commanded.

Then one of them appointed by the Bishop, shall reade the Gospel of that day.

Then shall the Bishop proceede to the Communion, and all that are ordered shall tarry and receiue the holy Communion the same day with the Bishop.

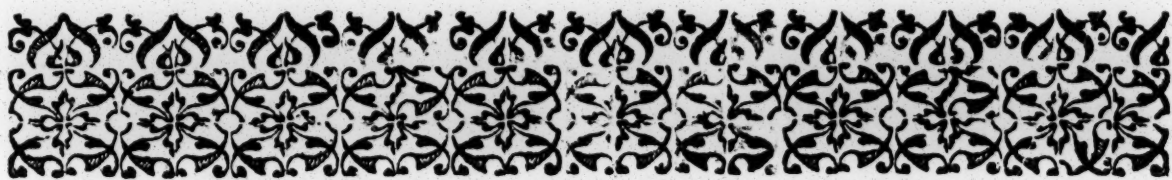
The Communion ended, after the last Collect, and immediately before the Benediction, shall be said this Collect following.

Almighty God giuer of all good things, which of thy great goodnesse hast boughsed to accept and take these thy seruants vnto

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vnto the offices of Deacons in thy Church: make them we beseech thee (O Lord) to bee modest, humble, and constant in their ministration, to haue a ready will to obserue all spirituall discipline, that they hauing alwayes the testimony of a good conscience, and continuing euer stable and strong in thy Sonne Christ, may so well vse themselves in this inferiour office, that they may bee found worthy to bee called vnto the higher ministeries in thy Church, through the same thy Sonne our Sauour Christ, to whom bee glory and honour, world without end. Amen.

And here it must bee shewed vnto the Deacon, that hee must continue in that office of a Deacon, the space of a whole yeere at the least (except for reasonable causes it bee otherwise scene to his Ordinary) to the intent he may be perfect, and well expert in the things appertaining to the Ecclesiasticall administration, in executing whereof, if he be found faithful and diligent, hee may bee admitted by his Diocesan, to the order of Priesthood.



¶ The forme of ordering of Priests.

When the exhortation is ended, then shall follow the Communion. And for the Epistle, shall be read out of the twenty Chapter of the Actes of the Apostles, as followeth.

From Mileto, Paul sent messengers to Ephesus, and called the Elders of the Congregation: which when they were come to him, he said vnto them, **Y**ee know, that from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I haue bene with you at all seasons, seruing the Lord with all humblenesse of minde, and with many teares and temptations, which happened vnto mee by the layings a wait of the Jewes, because I would keepe backe nothing that was profitable vnto you, but to shew you, and teach you openly throughout euery house, witnessing both to the Jewes, and also to the Greekes, the repentance that is toward God, and the faith which is toward our Lord Iesus. And now behold, I goe bound in the spirit vnto Hierusalem, not knowing

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knowing the things that shall come on me there, but that the holy Ghost witnesseth in euery Citie, saying that bands and trouble abide mee. But none of these things moue mee, neither is my life deare vnto my selfe, that I might fulfill my course with ioy, and the ministration of the Word, which I haue receiued of the Lord Iesu, to testifie the Gospel of the grace of God. And now behold, I am sure that henceforth ye all (througħ whom I haue gone preaching the kingdome of God) shall see my face no more. Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men: For I haue spared no labour, but haue shewed you all the counsell of God. Take heed therefore vnto your selues, and to all the flocke, among whom the holy Ghost hath made you ouerseers, to rule the Congregation of God, which hee hath purchased with his blood. For I am sure of this, that after my departing shall grievous wolues enter in among you, not sparing the flocke. Moreover, of your owne selues shall men arise, speaking peruerse things, to draw disciples after them. Therefore awake, and remember that by the space of threē yeeres, I ceased not to warne euery one of you night and day with teares.

And now brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build further, and to giue you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. I haue desired no mans siluer, gold, or besture: Yea, you know your selues, that these hands haue ministered vnto my necessities, and vnto them that were with me. I haue shewed you all things, how that so labouring, ye ought to receiue the weake, and to remember the words of our Lord Iesus, how that hee said, it is more blessed to giue, then to receiue.

Or else this third Chapter, of the first Epistle to Timothie.

This is a true saying, If any man desire the office of a Bishop, he desireth an honest worke. A Bishop therefore must be blamelesse, the husband of one wife, diligent, sober, discrete, a keeper of hospitality, apt to teach, not giuen to ouermuch wine, no fighter, not greedy of filthy lucre, but gentle, abhorring fighting, abhorring couetousnesse, one that ruleth well his owne house, one that hath children in subiection with all reuerence. For if a man cannot rule his owne house, how shall hee care for the Congregation of God? He may not be a yong Scholler, lest he swell and fall into the iudgement of the euill speaker. Hee must also haue a good report of them which are without, lest hee fall into rebuke and snare of the euill speaker.

Likewise must the Ministers bee honest, not double tongued,
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not giuen vnto much wine, neither greedy of filthy lucre, but holding the myserie of the faith, with a pure conscience: and let them first bee proued, and then let them minister, so that no man bee able to reprove them.

Euen so must their wiues be honest, not euill speakers: but sober, and faithfull in all things. Let the Deacons be the husbands of one wife, and such as rule their children wel, and their owne households: for they that minister well, get themselves a good degree, and great libertie in the faith, which is in Christ Iesus. These things write I vnto thee, trusting to come shortly vnto thee: but if I tarry long, that then thou mayest haue yet knowledge, how thou oughtest to behaue thy selfe in the house of God, which is the Congregation of the liuing God, the pillar and ground of trueth.

And without doubt, great is that myserie of godlinesse: God was shewed in the flesh, was iustified in the Spirit, was seene among the Angels, was preached vnto the Gentiles, was beleued on in the world, and receiued vp in glory.

After this shall be read for the Gospel, a piece of the last Chapter of Matthew, as followeth.

Iesus came and spake vnto them, saying, All power is giuen vnto me in heauen and in earth: Goe yee therefore, and teach all Nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Ghost, teaching them to obserue all things whatsoever I haue commanded you: and loe, I am with you alway, euen vntill the end of the world.

Or else this that followeth, out of the tenth Chapter of Iohn.

Verily, verily, I say vnto you, Hee that entreth not in by the doore into the sheepfold, but climbeth by some other way, the same is a thiefe and a murtherer. But hee that entreth in by the doore, is the shepheard of the sheepe: to him the porter openeth, and the sheepe heare his voyce, and hee calleth his owne sheepe by name, and leadeth them out. And when hee hath sent forth his owne sheepe, hee goeth before them, and the sheepe follow him, for they know his voyce. A stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him, for they know not the voyce of strangers. This prouerbe spake Iesus vnto them, but they vnderstood not what things they were which hee spake vnto them. Then said Iesus vnto them againe, Verily, verily I say vnto you, I am the doore of the sheepe: and all (euen as many as came before me) are theues and murderers, but the sheepe did not heare them. I am

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am the dooze : by me if any man enter in, he shall be safe, and goe in and out, and find pasture. A thiefe cometh not but for to steale, kil, and to destroy. I am come, that they might haue life, and that they might haue it more abundantly. I am the good shepheard. A good shepheard giueth his life for the sheepe. An hired seruant, and hee which is not the shepheard (neither the sheepe are his owne) seeth the Wolfe comming and leaueth the sheepe, and fleeth, & the Wolfe catcheth and scattereth the sheepe. The hired seruant fleeth, because he is an hired seruant, and careth not for the sheepe. I am the good shepheard, and know my sheepe, and am known of mine. As my Father knoweth mee, euen so know I also my Father. And I giue my life for the sheepe. And other sheepe I haue, which are not of this fold : them also must I bring, and they shall heare my voyce, and there shall be one fold, and one shepheard.

Or else this, of the xx. Chapter of Iohn.

The same day at night, which was the first day of the Sabbath, when the doozes were shut (where the disciples were assembled together, for feare of the Jewes) came Iesus, and stood in the midst, and said vnto them, Peace bee vnto you. And when hee had so said, he shewed vnto them his hands & his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. Then said Iesus vnto them againe, Peace be vnto you : As my Father sent me, euen so send I you also. And when he had said those words, he breathed on them, and said vnto them, Receiue ye the holy Ghost. Whosouers sinnes yee remit, they are remitted vnto them : and whosouers sinnes yee retaine, they are retained.

When the Gospel is ended, then shall be said or sung.

Come holy Ghost eternall God, proceeding from aboue :
Both from the Father, and the Sonne, the God of peace and loue.

Visite our mindes, and into vs, thy heauenly grace inspire :
That in all trueth and godlinesse, we may haue true desire.
Thou art the very Comforter, in all woe and distresse :
The heauenly gift of God most high, which no tongue can expresse.

The fountaine and the liuely spring, of ioy celestiall :
The fire so bright, the loue so cleare, and unction spirituall.
Thou in thy gifts art manifold, whereby Christs Church doeth stand.

In faithfull hearts writing thy law, the finger of Gods hand.
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According to thy promise made, thou givest speech of grace:
That through thy helpe, the praise of God, may sound in every place.

O holy Ghost into our wits send downe thy heauenly light:
Kindle our hearts with feruent loue to serue God day and night:
Strength and stablish all our weakenesse, so feeble and so fraile:
That neither flesh, the world, nor deuill, against vs doe preuaile.
Put backe our enemye farre from vs, and grant vs to obtaine,
Peace in our hearts, with God and man, without grudge or disdain.

And grant, O Lord, that thou being, our leader and our guide:
We may eschew the snares of sinne, and from thee neuer slide.
To vs such plenty of thy grace, good Lord grant we thee pray:
That thou mayest be our comforter at the last dreadfull day.
Of all strife and dissension, O Lord dissolue the bands:
And make the knots of peace and loue, throughout all Christian lands.

Graunt vs, O Lord, through thee to know, the Father most of might:

That of his deare beloued Sonne, wee may attaine the sight,
And that with perfect faith also we may acknowledge thee:
The spirit of them both alway, one God in persons three.
Laud and prayse be to the Father, and to the Sonne equall:
And to the holy Spirit also, one God coeternall.
And pray wee that the onely Sonne, boughsafe his spirit to send:

To all that doe professe his Name, vnto the worlds end. Amen.

And then the Archdeacon shall present vnto the Bishop, all them that shall receiue the order of Priesthood that day, the Archdeacon saying.

Reverend father in God, I present vnto you these persons, presented, to be admitted to the order of Priesthood.

Cum interrogatione & responsione, vt in ordine Diaconatus.

And then the Bishop shall say to the people,

God people, these bee they whom wee purpose, God willing, to receiue this day vnto the holy office of Priesthood: for after due examination, we find not to the contrary, but that they be lawfully called to their function and ministry, and that they bee persons

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persons meete for the same: but yet if there bee any of you, which knoweth any impediment, or notable crime of any of them, for the which hee ought not to bee receiued into this holy ministerie, now in the Name of God declare the same.

And if any great crime or impediment be objected.

Ut supra in Ordine Diaconatus, usque ad finem Letania, cum hac Collecta.

A Almighty God, giver of all good things, which by the holy Spirit hast appointed diuers orders of Ministers in thy Church, mercifully behold these thy seruants, now called to the office of Priesthood, and replenish them so with the trueth of thy doctrine, and innocencie of life, that both by word and good example, they may faithfully serue thee in this office, to the glory of thy Name, and profit of thy Congregation, through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who liueth and reigneth with thee, and the holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

Then the Bishop shall minister vnto euery one of them the Oath concerning the Kings Supremacie, as it is set forth in the order of Deacons. And that done, hee shall say vnto them which are appointed to receiue the said Office, as hereafter followeth,

You haue heard brethren, as well in your priuate examination, as in the exhortation, and in the holy Lessons taken out of the Gospel and of the writings of the Apostles, of what dignity, and of how great importance this office is (whereunto yee bee called.) And now wee exhort you in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to haue in remembrance into how high a dignity, and to how chargeable an office yee bee called, that is to say, the messengers, the watchmen, the Pastours and the Stewards of the Lord, to teach, to premonish, to feede, and prouide for the Lords family, to seeke for Christs sheep that be disperfed abroad, and for his children which bee in the midst of this naughty world, to bee saued through Christ for euer. Haue alwayes therefore printed in your remembrance, how great a treasure is committed to your charge: for they be the sheepe of Christ, which he bought with his death, and for whom he shed his blood. The Church and Congregation whom you must serue, is his spouse and his body.

And if it shall chance the same Church, or any member thereof, to
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take any hurt or hindrance, by reason of your negligence, yee know the greatnesse of the fault, and also of the horrible punishment which will ensue. Wherefore, consider with your selues the end of your ministry, towards the children of God, towards the spouse and body of Christ, and see that you neuer cease your labour, your care, and diligence, vntill you haue done all that lieth in you, according to your bounden dutie, to bring all such as are, or shall be committed to your charge, vnto that agreement in faith and knowledge of God, and to that ripenesse and perfectnes of age in Christ, that there be no place left among you, either of error in Religion, or for viciousnesse in life.

Then, forasmuch as your office is both of so great excellencie, and of so great difficultie, ye see with how great care and studie ye ought to apply your selues, aswell that you may shew your selues kind to that Lord who hath placed you in so high a dignity, as also to beware that neither you your selues offend, neither be occasion that other offend. Howbeit, ye cannot haue a mind and a wil thereto of your selues, for that power and abilitie is giuen of God alone. Therefore ye see how ye ought and haue need earnestly to pray for his holy spirit. And seeing that you cannot by any other meanes, compass the doing of so weighty a worke pertaining to the saluation of man, but with doctrine and exhortation, taken out of the holy Scriptures, and with a life agreeable vnto the same: Ye perceiue how studious yee ought to be in reading, and in learning the Scriptures, and in framing the maners, both of your selues, and of them that specially pertaine vnto you, according to the rule of the same Scriptures: And for this selfe same cause, ye see how ye ought to forsake and set aside (as much as you may) all worldly cares and studies.

Wee haue good hope, that you haue well weighed and pondered these things with your selues, long before this time, and that you haue cleerely determined, by Gods grace, to giue your selues wholly to this vocation, wherunto it hath pleased God to call you, so that (as much as lieth in you) you apply your selues wholly to this one thing, and draw all your cares and studies this way, and to this end. And that you will continually pray for the heavenly assistance of the holy Ghost from God the Father, by the mediation of our onely Mediatour and Saviour Jesus Christ, that by daily reading and weighing of the Scriptures, ye may so waxe riper and stronger in your ministry: And that yee may so endeavour your selues from time to time, to sanctifie the liues of you and yours, and to fashion them after the rule and doctrine of Christ: And that ye may be wholesome and godly examples and patternes, for the rest of y congregation to follow: and that this present

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congregation of Christ here assembled, may also vnderstand your mindes and wils in these things: and that this your promise shall moze moue you to do your dueties, ye shall answere plainly to these things, which we in the name of the congregation shall demand of you touching the same.

Doe you thinke in your heart that you be truely called according to the will of our Lord Iesus Christ, and the order of this Church of England, to the ministry of Priesthood?

Answered,

I thinke it.

The Bishop.

Be you perswaded that the holy scriptures containe sufficient-ly all doctrine required of necessitie for eternall saluation, thow faith in Iesu Christ? And are you determined with the sayd Scriptures to instruct the people committed to your charge, and to teach nothing (as required of necessitie to eternall saluation) but that you shal be perswaded, may bee concluded, and prooued by the Scripture?

Answered,

I am so perswaded and haue so determined by Gods grace.

The Bishop.

Will you then giue your faithfull diligence, alwayes so to minister the doctrine and Sacraments, and the discipline of Christ, as the Lord hath commanded, and as this Realme hath receiued the same, according to the commandements of God, so that you may teach the people committed to your cure and charge, with all diligence to keepe and obserue the same.

Answered,

I will so doe, by the helpe of the Lord.

The Bishop.

Will you bee ready with all faithfull diligence to banish and driue away al erroneous and strange doctrines, contrary to Gods word, and to vse both publique and priuate monitions and exhortations, as well to the sicke, as to the whole, within your cures, as neede shall require, and occasion be giuen?

Answered,

I will, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop.

Will you bee diligent in prayers, and in reading of the holy Scriptures, and in such studies as helpe to the knowledge of the same, laying aside the study of the world and the flesh?

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Answered,

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Answer.

I will endeavour my selfe so to doe, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop.

Will you be diligent to frame and fashion your owne selues, and your families, according to the doctrine of Christ, and to make both your selues and them (as much as in you lieth) wholesome examples and spectacles to the flocke of Christ?

Answer.

I will apply my selfe, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop.

Will you maintaine and set forwards (as much as lyeth in you) quietnesse, peace, and loue, among all Christian people, and specially among them that are, or shall be committed to your charge?

Answer.

I will so doe, the Lord being my helper.

The Bishop.

Will you reuerently obey your Ordinarie, and other chiefe Ministers, vnto whom the gouernment and charge is committed ouer you, following with a glad minde and will, their godly admonitions, and submitting your selues to their godly iudgements?

Answer.

I will so doe, the Lord being my helper.

Then shall the Bishop say.

Almighty God, who hath giuen you this will to doe all these things, grant also vnto you strength and power to performe the same, that he may accomplish his worke which he hath begun in you, vntill the time hee shall come at the latter day, to iudge the quicke and the dead.

After this, the Congregation shall be desired, secretly in their prayers, to make humbly supplications to God for the foresaid things: for the which prayers, there shall be a certaine space kept in silence.

That done, the Bishop shall pray in this wise.

¶ Let vs pray.

Almighty God, and heavenly Father, which of thine infinite loue, and goodnesse towards vs, hast giuen to vs thy only & most deare beloved Son Iesus Christ to be our redeemer & author of euerlasting life, who after he had made perfect our redemption by his death, & was ascended into heauen, sent abroad into the world his Apostles, Prophets, Euangelists, Doctours,

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Doctours, and Pastours, by whose labour and ministry, he gathered together a great flocke in all the parts of the world, to set forth the eternall praise of thy holy Name. For these so great benefits of thy eternall goodnesse, and for that thou hast vouchsafed to call these thy seruants here present, to the same office and ministerie of saluation of mankinde, wee render vnto thee most hearty thanks, we worship and praise thee, and we humbly beseech thee, by the same thy Sonne, to grant vnto vs all, which either here, or elsewhere call vpon thy Name, that wee may shew our selues thankful to thee, for these and all other thy benefits, & that we may daily encrease & goe forwards, in the knowledge and faith of thee and thy Sonne, by the holy Spirit. So that as well by these thy Ministers, as by them to whom they shalbe appointed Ministers, thy holy Name may be alwayes glorified, and thy blessed kingdom enlarged, through the same thy Son our Lord Iesus Christ, which liueth and reigneth with thee, in the vnitie of the same holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

When this prayer is done, the Bishop with the Priests present, shal lay their hands seuerally vpon the head of euery one that receiveth Orders: The Receiuers humbly kneeling vpon their knees, and the Bishop saying.

Receiue the holy Ghost: whose sinnes thou doest forgiue, they are forgiuen: and whose sinnes thou doest reteine, they are reteined: and be thou a faithfull dispenser of the word of God, and of his holy Sacraments. In the Name of the Father, and of the Sonne, and of the holy Ghost. Amen.

The Bishop shall deliuer to euery one of them the Bible in his hand saying.

Take thou authority to preach the word of God, and to minister the holy Sacraments in this Congregation, where thou shalt be so appointed.

When this is done, the Congregation shal sing the Creed, and also they shal goe to the Communion, which all they that receiue Orders shall take together, and remaine in the same place where the hands were layed vpon them, vntill such time as they haue receiued the Communion.

The Communion being done, after the last collect, and immediately before the Benediction, shall be sayd this Collect.

Most merciful father, we beseech thee, so to send vpon these thy seruants thy heauenly blessing, that they may bee clad about with all iustice, and that thy word spoken by their mouthes may haue such successe, that it may neuer be spoken in vaine. Grant also that wee may haue grace to heare, and receiue the same as thy
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most holy word, and the meanes of our saluation, that in all our words and deeds, we may seeke thy glory, and the increase of thy kingdome, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

And if the Order of Deacons and priesthood bee giuen both vpon one day, then shall all things at the holy Communion bee vsed, as they are appointed at the ordering of Priests: Sauing that for the Epistle, the whole third Chapter of the first to Timothie shall be read, as it is set out before in the order of Priests. And immediatly after the Epistle, the Deacons shall be ordered. And it shall suffice the Letany to be said once.



The Forme of Consecrating of an *Archbishop, or Bishop.*

¶ At the Communion.

The Epistle.

His is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a Bishop, he desireth an honest worke. A Bishop therefore must be blamelesse, the husband of one wife, diligent, sober, discrete, a keeper of hospitality, apt to teach, not giuen to ouermuch wine, no fighter, not greedy of filthy lucre, but gentle, abhorring fighting, abhorring coueteousnesse, one that ruleth well his owne house, one that hath children in subiection with all reuerence. For if a man cannot rule his owne house, how shall he care for the Congregation of God? Hee may not bee a young scholler, lest hee swell: and fall into the iudgement of the euill speaker. Hee must also haue a good report of them which are without, lest hee fall into rebuke, and the snare of the euill speaker.

The Gospel.

Iesus said to Simon Peter, Simon Iohanna, louest thou mee more then these? Hee sayd vnto him, Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I loue thee: hee sayd to him, Feede my Lambes. He sayd to him againe the second time, Simon Iohanna, louest thou mee? Hee sayd vnto him, Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I loue thee: hee
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said vnto him, feede my sheepe. He said vnto him the third time, Simon Iohanna, louest thou me? Peter was soze, because he said vnto him the third time, Louest thou me. And he said vnto him, Lord thou knowest all things, thou knowest that I loue thee. Iesus said vnto him, feede my sheepe.

Or else out of the tenth Chapter of Iohn : as before in the order of Priests.

After the Gospel and Creede ended : first the elected Bishop shall be presented by two bishops, vnto the Archbishop of that prouince, or to some other Bishop appointed by his commission : the Bishops that present him, saying,

Most reuerend father in God, wee present vnto you this godly and well learned man to be consecrated Bishop.

Then shall the Archbishop demand the Kings mandate, for the consecration, and cause it to be read, and the Oath touching the knowledge of the Kings supreamacie, shall be ministred to the persons elected, as it is set out in the order of Deacons. And then shall be ministred the Oath of due obedience vnto the Archbishop, as followeth.

The oath of due obedience to the Archbishop.

In the name of God, Amen. I, A. chosen Bishop of the Church and See of B. do prolesse and promise al due reuerence and obedience to the Archbishop, and to the Metropolitall Church of B. and to their successors : so helpe me God, through Iesus Christ.

This oath shall not bee made at the consecration of an Archbishops. Then the Archbishop shall mooue the congregation present, to pray, saying thus to them.

Brethren, it is written in the Gospel of S. Luke, that our Saviour Christ continued the whole night in prayer, or euer that he did choose and send forth his twelue Apostles. It is written also in the Acts of the Apostles, that the Disciples which were at Antioch did fast and pray, or euer they laide handes vpon, or sent forth Paul and Barnabas. Let vs therefore, following the example of our Saviour Christ and his Apostles, first sal to prayer, or that we admit and send forth this person presented vnto vs, to the worke whereunto we trust the holy Ghost hath called him,

And

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And then shall be said the Letanie, as afore in the order of Deacons.

And after this place, **That it may please thee to illuminate all Bishops, &c.** he shall say.

That it may please thee to blesse this our brother elected, and to send thy grace vpon him, that hee may duely execute the office whereunto he is called, to the edifying of thy Church, and to the honour, praise, and glory of thy Name.

Answer.

We beseech thee to heare vs good Lord.

Concluding the Letanie in the end, with this prayer.

A Almighty God, giuer of all good things, which by thy holy spirit hast appointed diuers orders of ministers in thy Church, mercifully behold this thy seruant, now called to the worke and ministry of a Bishop, and replenish him so with the trueth of thy doctrine, and innocency of life, that both by word and deed he may faithfully serue thee in this office, to the glory of thy Name, & profit of thy congregation, through the merits of our Saviour Iesus Christ, who liueth and reigneth with thee and the holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

Then the Archbishop sitting in a chaire, shall say to him that is to be consecrated.

Brother, forasmuch as holy Scripture, & the old Canons Com-mandeth, that we should not be hasty in laying on hands, and admitting of any person to the gouernment of the Congregation of Christ, which hee hath purchased with no lesse price then the effusion of his owne blood: afore I admit you to this administration, whereunto you are called, I will examine you in certaine articles, to the end the Congregation present, may haue a tryall and beare witness how ye be minded to behaue your selfe in the Church of God.

Are you perswaded that you be truly called to this ministrati-on, according to the will of our Lord Iesus Christ, and the order of this Realme?

Answer.

I am so perswaded.

The Archbishop.

Are you perswaded that the holy Scriptures containe suffici-ently all doctrine, required of necessitie for eternall saluati-on, through the faith in Iesus Christ? And are you determined with

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with the same holy scriptures, to instruct the people committed to your charge, and to teach or maintaine nothing as required of necessity to eternall saluation, but that you shall bee perswaded may be concluded and proued by the same?

Answer.

I am so perswaded and determined by Gods grace.

The Archbishop.

Will you then faithfully exercise your selfe in the sayd holy Scriptures, and call vpon God by prayer, for the true vnderstanding of the same, so as ye may be able by them to teach and exhort with wholesome doctrine, and to withstand and conuince the gainsayers?

Answer.

I will so doe by the helpe of God.

The Archbishop.

Bee you ready with all faithfull diligence to banish and driue away al erroneous and strange doctrine contrary to Gods word and both priuately and openly to call vpon and encourage others to the same?

Answer.

I am ready the Lord being my helper.

The Archbishop.

Will you deny all vngodlinesse and worldly lusts, and liue soberly, righteously, & godly in this world, that you may shew your selfe in all things an example of good workes vnto others, that the aduersary may bee ashamed, hauing nothing to lay against you?

Answer.

I will so doe, the Lord being my helper.

The Archbishop.

Will you maintaine and set forward (as much as shall lie in you) quietnes, peace, and loue, among all men: and such as be vnquiet, disobedient, and criminous within your Diocesse, correct and punish according to such authoritie as yee haue by Gods word, and as to you shall bee committed by the ordinance of this Realme?

Answer.

I will doe so, by the helpe of God.

The Archbishop.

Will you shew your selfe gentle, and be mercifull for Christs sake to poore and needy people, and to al strangers destitute of helpe?

Answer.

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Answer.

I will so shew my selfe by Gods helpe.

The Archbishop.

A Almighty God our heavenly father, who hath giuen you a good will to doe all these things: grant also vnto you strength and power to performe the same, that hee accomplishing in you the good worke which he hath begun, yee may be found perfect, and irreprehensible at the latter day, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then shall be sung or said, Come holy Ghost, &c.

As it is set out in the order of Priests.

That ended, the Archbishop shall say,

Lord heare our prayer.

Answer.

And let our cry come vnto thee.

¶ Let vs pray.



Almighty God, and most mercifull father, which of thine infinite goodnesse hast giuen thy onely and most deare beloued Son Iesus Christ to be our Redeemer and Authoꝝ of euertlasting life, who after that hee had made perfect our Redemption by his death, and was ascended into heauen, powred downe his gifts abundantly vpon men, making some Apostles, some Prophets, some Euangelists, some Pastours and Doctours, to the edifying and making perfect his Congregation: grant wee beseech thee, to this thy seruant such grace, that hee may euermore be ready to spread abroad thy Gospel, and glad tidings of reconcilment to God, and to ble the authoritie giuen vnto him, not to destroy, but to saue, not to hurt, but to helpe: so that hee, as a wise and faithfull seruant, giuing to thy family meat in due season, may at the last be receiued into ioy, through Iesu Christ our Lord, who with thee, and the holy Ghost, lieth and reigneth one God world without end. Amen.

Then the Archbishop and Bishops present, shall lay their hands vpon the head of the elected Bishop, the Archbishop saying.

Take the holy Ghost, and remember that thou stirre by the grace of God, which is in thee, by imposition of hands: for God hath not giuen vs the spirit of feare, but of power, and loue, and sobernesse.

Then


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Then the Archbishop shall deliuer him the
Bible, saying,

Gue heede vnto reading, exhortation, and doctrine. Thinke vpon these things contained in this booke. Bee diligent in them, that the increase comming thereby, may bee manifest vnto all men. Take heede vnto thy selfe, and vnto teaching, and be diligent in doing them: for by doing this, thou shalt saue thy selfe, and them that heare thee. Be to the flocke of Christ a shepheard, not a wolfe: feed them, deuoure them not: hold vp the weake, heale the sicke, bind together the broken, bring againe the outcasts, seeke the lost, Bee so mercifull, that yee be not too remisse: so minister discipline, that you forget not mercie, that when the chiefe shepheard shall come, yee may receiue the inmarcescible crowne of glory, through Iesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then the Archbishop shall proceede to the Communion, with whom the new consecrated Bishop, with other shall also communicate. And for the last Collect immediatly before the Benediction, shall bee sayd this Prayer,

Most merciful Father, we beseech thee, to send downe vpon this thy seruant thy heavenly blessing, and so endue him with thy holy Spirit, that he preaching thy word, may not onely be earnest to reprove, beseech, and rebuke, with all patience and doctrine, but also may bee, to such as beleue, an wholsome example, in word, in conuersation, in loue, in faith, in chastitie, and puritie: that faithfully fulfilling his course, at the latter day hee may receiue the Crowne of righteousness, laid vp by the Lord the righteous Judge, who liueth and reigneth, one God with the Father and the holy Ghost, world without end.
Amen.

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